

AN INVESTIGATION OF BEEF PRICES

One Proposed by an Illinois Representative—Navy Department Buys Australian Fresh Beef Half a Cent Lower Than It Could Obtain American Product and Corned Beef Eight Cents Lower—Cold Storage Investigation.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Another federal investigation into the high cost of living, promising prosecutions, if Attorney General McReynolds can find an alleged cold storage conspiracy, got under way today, and a congressional investigation of a different phase of the cost of living problem was threatened. While special agents of the department of justice are sitting charges that eggs, poultry and dairy products are being piled up in cold storage to maintain high prices, and even force them higher, Representative Britten of Illinois is preparing to ask for a congressional investigation into prices of meat.

Australian Beef Cheaper Than American.

The proposal for a meat investigation was prompted by an announcement that the navy had bought nearly 50,000 pounds of Australian fresh beef at a half cent a pound lower than the best price of American packers, and 10,000 pounds of corned beef from the Australian packers at eight cents a pound cheaper than the lowest

price in the United States. The price paid was 11.9 cents a pound for fresh beef and 15.37 cents for the corned beef.

Anti-Cold Storage Bill.

Announcing his intention to ask for a congressional investigation of the navy's beef contract, Congressman Britten declared he wanted to develop why the public could not obtain the advantage of buying from Australia if the navy could do so.

Representative McKellar of Tennessee has pending in the house a bill to prohibit interstate transportation of any food products kept in cold storage more than ninety days. He contends its enactment into law would go far toward solving the cold storage question.

Prices Soaring for 23 Years.

Agents of the department of justice took up their work today in all the principal cities. They will report particularly on eggs and dairy products, and will attempt to make an estimate of the quantities in cold storage and how long they have been there.

Statistics systematically gathered by agents of the department of labor and made public here from month to month show that in all the principal industrial centers of the United States the prices of foods paid by the average workingman's family have steadily been soaring for the last 23 years, and in a great many instances have passed the high price marks of 1907, which were then unprecedented. Sugar, according to these statistics, is the only commodity showing a reduction.

Evidence to Be Turned In.

Any congressional investigation will be separate from that of the department of justice. Attorney General McReynolds' agents will make their reports direct to Washington, and whatever evidence will be weighed to determine whether there is any grounds for prosecution.

OWEN ARGUES FOR THE CURRENCY BILL.
Will Remedy Evil of Concentration of Reserves in New York.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Under the present system the bank reserves of the country are concentrated largely in New York, where they are loaned in speculative accounts on the New York stock exchange. Senator Owen asserted today in opening the debate on the administration currency bill in the senate. He declared that the administration bill as reported by the democrats of the currency committee would remedy this condition.

Senator Owen urged speedy action on the bill by the senate, declaring that banks and business men throughout the country were "holding back" to discover just what form the legislation would take.

A PERILOUS JOURNEY.

Train Containing Refugees Passes Through Fusillade of Bullets.

New York, Nov. 24.—Fifty American refugees from Monterey and Vera Cruz reached New York today aboard the steamer Segurana with stories of a reign of terror in the disturbed section of Mexico.

James Doyle, a clerk employed by the American Smelting and Refining company at Monterey, and Virginia L. Mees, his 33-year-old mother-in-law, two of the steamer's passengers, escaped from Monterey by running from their home in the suburbs—northwest of the city—across the railroad station a few hours before the rebels captured the city. The train they boarded was the last to leave for Vera Cruz prior to the rebel occupation.

"We rode in an armored train, preceded by a military train equipped with machine guns," Mr. Doyle said. "The train simply crawled along the way. From every rock and bush along the right of way for miles we were greeted by shots. We saw our assailants but dozens of bullets were flattened against the sides of the coach in which we rode. Our house was riddled during the fighting around Monterey. It looked like a sieve when we left."

Mr. Doyle and other refugees from Monterey asserted that the victorious rebels ransacked the city, holding up dozens of persons at the pistol's point and taking their valuables and compelling manufacturers and wealthy residents to pay large sums of money on penalty of having their establishments and homes blown up with dynamite.

Thaw Must Pay the Freight.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 24.—Harry K. Thaw's seclusion in New Hampshire while he is fighting the attempts of New York state to secure his return to the Matteawan insane asylum will be at his own expense. That was the order entered by Judge Aldrich in the federal court records of the case in which Thaw appears as petitioner for a writ of habeas corpus.

Conservation in White Mountains.
Concord, N. H., Nov. 24.—The way to the creation of the White Mountain reservation, sought by conservationists for years, was made clear today by a decision handed down by Judge Aldrich in the United States court. The decision says that the government has full power and authority to take by right of eminent domain the lands described in the petition.

Archbishop Spalding's Jubilee.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 24.—Two hundred visiting clergymen are here today attending the golden jubilee of Archbishop John Lancaster Spalding. Pontifical mass was celebrated at Archbishop Quigley of Chicago was celebrant of the mass and Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis delivered the sermon. Archbishop Spalding is very feeble and with much difficulty walked to the altar.

To Prosecute Ticket Monopoly.

New York, Nov. 24.—Notwithstanding the fact that Tyson and Company, a corporation dealing in theatrical tickets, distributed at the last moment a block of season tickets to the Metropolitan Opera house, they had hypothesized for \$100,000, the district attorney's office wants to place the matter before the grand jury and ask for indictments charging larceny.

Fight Against Pinkham.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Senator Williams of Mississippi led a fight today to prevent confirmation of the appointment of J. E. Pinkham as governor of Hawaii. It was charged that Mr. Pinkham had been identified with republican political activities in the past, and that he was not a permanent resident of Hawaii.

Women as Election Officials.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Women will serve as election judges in every precinct of Chicago during the election of officers next spring, according to a decision of County Judge Owens today.

Cleveland is to have a \$500,000 automobile clubhouse.



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BRIEF STATE NEWS

Torrington.—Mrs. Harvey H. Gross, Torrington's oldest living person, observed her 92nd birthday Saturday.

Derby.—Delay in the arrival of the iron for the new hotel has held back work on that building, though Contractor Durand has been hurrying to get it closed in before the winter starts.

New Britain.—President Wilson has nominated William F. Kempshall, a resident of this city 30 years ago, for postmaster at Taylor, N. D., and it is probable that the senate will approve of the choice.

Hartford.—Hartford county is out of debt, for the first time in about 30 years, and not only that, but it has a balance of \$22,443.15 on hand, or, at least, it did on Sept. 30, 1913, when the fiscal year closed.

Thompsonville.—The Carnegie library is still a far from complete building, notwithstanding that orders have been given to rush the work. The officials are in hopes that the opening will take place before the new year sets in.

New Haven.—Attorney Frank Kenna says that there is a very fair chance of getting President Wilson to come to New Haven on the occasion of the complimentary banquet that is to be given Judge Edwin S. Thomas soon.

Bridgeport.—Mr. and Mrs. M. Clinton Penfield of Bridgeport announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Cornelia Sterrett Penfield, to Henry Monroe Lathrop. Miss Penfield has been engaged in literary work in New York.

Grocer.—The honeymoon is over in the house on the hill. Assistant—How do you know? Grocer.—The bride just phoned in an order for onions.—Houston Post.

YANTIC HAPPENINGS

Colchester Automobile Demolishes Wagon—Meeting of Woman's Guild.

Sunday night at 5:30 Peter Nowrocki started to drive out of his store yard and got across the street, headed for Fitchville, when an automobile driven by J. C. Case of Colchester came along. Mr. Nowrocki started to drive his horse across toward the house again. Mr. Case tried in every way to avoid an accident, but he ran into the wagon and it went to pieces like the deacon's one-horse shay. No one was injured. The horse escaped injury, making no attempt to run away.

Miss Mary Knox spent a day recently with relatives in Voluntown.

William McHale was a recent visitor in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, with Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Fitchville, spent Sunday in Hallowville with Mr. and Mrs. George LaValle.

Saturday at about 3:45 p. m. a black horse attached to a two-seated wagon belonging to Nelson Stark of Fitchville ran away from the end of the car line. No one was in the team. Another team followed and the horse was caught before any damage was done.

William Burns is recovering from a serious attack of the grip.

Miss Harriet Bond Kelly and Anne Goddard Kelly of New London spent Sunday at Pine Tree cottage.

Attended Memorial Services.
Miss Maud Lamorne and Mrs. M. J. Richards spent Sunday in Baltic, attending the religious exercises in the Baltic cemetery.

Miss Blanche Richards is recovering from a case of tonsillitis.

The members of the Woman's guild met Wednesday last with Mrs. Charles Carpenter.

Mrs. Charles S. Champlain of Southbridge, Mass., was a recent guest of Mrs. George Adams.

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